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December 30, 2014

Re: Veto of Tribal Resolution #121814-04
Gaming Authority Committee's FY 2015 Budget

This memo explains the decision of the Interim Tribal Chairperson to veto Tribal Resolution #121814-04, which approves a budget for the Gaming Authority Committee (GAC) in the amount of \$110,000 for fiscal year 2015. This is a significant increase over the previous budget for GAC, which was \$36,450 for the current fiscal year.

The Resolution states that the \$110,000 appropriation for GAC will be reimbursed by Odawa Casino Resort, but the source of funding is a concern. As we know, casino revenue has been pretty much flat for some time, and the amount of revenue coming from OCR to the LTBB Tribal Government is actually down, so we should be trying to conserve funds, not increase spending.

Another concern is the intended use of the \$110,000. Members of the GAC have clearly indicated that this appropriation includes funds intended to cover the cost of travel to out-of-state conferences for all three members of the Committee.

For example, one proposed trip is to the annual NIGA Tradeshow and Convention, scheduled for March 30 through April 2, 2015 in San Diego, California. Certainly we'd all enjoy a trip to sunny San Diego this spring, but the fact remains that there's no legitimate reason for all three members of the Gaming Authority Committee to attend this tradeshow. The second proposed trip, as I understand it, is to G2E, a similar tradeshow scheduled for late September 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The role of the GAC is to oversee the General Manager of OCR, not to preview and select new gaming equipment. It is impossible to justify this type of expenditure on unnecessary travel when so many of our Tribal Citizens are experiencing serious and pressing financial need.

I disagree with the expenditure and I have vetoed the Resolution. I also encourage the Tribal Council to institute reasonable limits on travel for fiscal year 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Gasco Bentley

Regina Gasco-Bentley
Interim Tribal Chairperson

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TRIBAL RESOLUTION #121814-04

Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015 Budget

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians created The Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute through Waganakising Odawak Statute 2010-21;

WHEREAS in accordance with Waganakising Odawak Statute 2010-021, Gaming Delegation and Authority states that each year the Authority shall present an annual budget of the Authority, which shall include all projected expenses of the Authority to Tribal Council for approval;

WHEREAS the Gaming Authority met on December 16, 2014, and is recommending a budget in the amount of \$110,000.00 for FY 2015 which will be reimbursed by the Odawa Casino Resort.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves a budget for the Gaming Delegation and Authority in the amount of \$110,000.00, for FY 2014 in accordance with WOS 2010-021 Gaming Delegation and Authority Statute and shall be reimbursed by the Odawa Casino Resort.

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Treasurer and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on December 18, 2014 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Bill A. Denemy	X			
John W. Keshick III	X			
Beatrice A. Law	X			
Michael J. Naganashe				X
Aaron Otto	X			
Winnay Wemigwase		X		
Julia A. Shananaquet		X		
Marcella R. Reyes	X			

Date: 12-23-2014

Marcella R. Reyes
Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Date: 12-22-14

Julia A. Shananaquet
Secretary Julia A. Shananaquet

Received by the Executive Office on 12/23/14 by [Signature]

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 12-30-14

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

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